

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of  
SASAKI, et al.

Application. No.: 09/516,176  
Filed: March 1, 2000

Confirmation No. 3428  
Attorney Docket: 46137  
**Allowed December 13, 2011**  
Group Art Unit: 1788  
Examiner: Le, Hoa T.

Title: INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL AND INK-JET RECORDING METHOD

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December 21, 2011

**REQUEST UNDER RULE 312 FOR RETURN OF FORMS PTO 1449**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313 -1450

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance issued in the subject application on December 13, 2011.

Upon review of this application, it has been found that with regard to three previously submitted Information Disclosure Statements (IDS's), filed with Forms PTO 1449 and copies of listed documents, the Forms PTO 1449 have not yet been returned signed and initialed by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP 609C(2). The three IDS's were respectively filed on February 25, 2002, April 2, 2004 and July 6, 2004.

For each of the three aforesaid IDS's, attached herewith are copies of each IDS, Form PTO 1449 and copy of the PTO date stamped filing receipt. As stated above, to date, the Form PTO 1449 for each of the three IDS's has not been returned signed and initialed by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP 609C(2).

Accordingly, the applicant requests the Examiner to return a copy of each of the aforesaid three Forms 1449 showing the Examiner's initials by each cited reference and signature, thus indicating official entry and consideration.